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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on December 12, 2008. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith

being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

APPEAL BRIEF, HEADINGS

A review of the file indicates that the Appeal Brief filed March 5, 2008, does not comply with 37 CFR § 41.37(c) because it does not contain all required heading items. Specifically, 37 CFR § 41.37 (c)(1) requires the following heading items in the following order:

- (i) *Real party in interest.*
- (ii) *Related appeals and interferences.*
- (iii) *Status of claims.*
- (iv) *Status of amendments.*
- (v) *Summary of claimed subject matter.*
- (vi) *Grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal.*
- (vii) *Argument.*
- (viii) *Claims appendix.*
- (ix) *Evidence appendix.*
- (x) *Related proceedings appendix.*

An in-depth review of the Appeal Brief indicates that the following sections are missing from the Appeal Brief filed March 5, 2008:

- 1) "Evidence Appendix", and
- 2) "Related Proceedings Appendix".

A substitute brief that is in compliance with § 41.37(c) is required. *See also Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* (MPEP) § 1205.02 (8<sup>th</sup> ed. Rev. 6, Sept 2007) for details.

### CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

- 1) hold the Appeal Brief filed on March 5, 2008 defective;
- 2) notify Appellant to file a paper properly addressing the appendices;
- 3) acknowledge and consider the communication filed by Appellant to correct the appendices; and
- 4) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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